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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
Plaintiff,	)
	) 2:11-CR-00247-JAD-CWH
vs.	)
RICHARD S. NEISWONGER,	)
WILLIAM S. REED,	)
WENDELL L. WAITE,	ý
Defendants.	) )
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# STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING (Thirteenth Request)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Steven W. Myhre, Acting United States Attorney ("USA"), John Patrick Burns, Assistant United States Attorney

("AUSA"), Solomon L. Wisenberg, Esq., and Peter Angulo, Esq., attorneys for Defendants Richard C. Neiswonger and Shannon Neiswonger, that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 10, 2017 be vacated and continued until January 15, 2018, or a date thereafter convenient to the Court.

The Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

1. This is the thirteenth request to continue Mr. Neiswonger's sentencing in this matter. The first request was made through stipulation of the parties on August 1, 2012 (Docket Entry 76) and was granted by the Court on August 2, 2012 (Docket Entry 77). The second request was entered by the Court on September 26, 2012, through a Minute Order upon oral stipulation of counsel (Docket Entry 81). This Minute Order was entered on the same date that the Court accepted guilty pleas and set a July 8, 2013 sentencing date for Mr. Neiswonger and Mrs. Shannon Neiswonger in Case Number 2:12-CR-00281-JAD-CWH. See Minutes of Proceedings (Docket Entry 22) in Case Number 2:12-CR-00281-JAD-CWH. The third request was made by stipulation of the parties on May 31, 2013 (Docket Entry 93) and was granted by the Court the same day (Docket Entry 94). The fourth request was made by stipulation of the parties on September 25, 2013 (Docket Entry 105) and was granted by the Court on September 26, 2013 (Docket Entry 106). The fifth request was made by stipulation of the parties on December 23, 2013 (Docket Entry 117) and was granted by the Court on December 26, 2013 (Docket Entry 118). The sixth request was made by stipulation of the parties on March 14, 2014 (Docket Entry 122) and was granted by the Court on March 19, 2014 (Docket Entry 123). The seventh request was made by stipulation of the parties on June 18, 2014 (Docket Entry 132) and was granted by the Court on June 18, 2014 (Docket Entry 133). The eighth request was made by stipulation of the parties on December 4, 2014 (Docket Entry 144) and was

granted by the Court on December 9, 2014 (Docket Entry 147). The ninth request was made by stipulation of the parties on May 15, 2015 (Docket Entry 150) and was granted by the Court on May 18, 2015 (Docket Entry 151). The tenth request was made by stipulation of the parties on October 12, 2015 (Docket Entry 155) and was granted by the Court on October 13, 2015 (Docket Entry 156). The eleventh request was made by stipulation of the parties on March 9, 2016 (Docket Entry 161) and was granted by the Court the same day (Docket Entry 162). The twelfth request was made by stipulation of the parties on December 12, 2016 (Docket Entry 177) and was granted by the Court the same day (Docket Entry 178).

- 2. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay.
- 3. In late October 2015 Shannon Neiswonger, Mr. Neiswonger's wife, suffered a serious, life-threatening and debilitating brain injury. Mr. Neiswonger is assisting in providing virtually round-the-clock care for Mrs. Neiswonger, who underwent her second major brain surgery related to the injury on March 7, 2016, and is still under a specialist's care. Although Mrs. Neiswonger's physical condition has stabilized and improved, she still has serious cognitive disabilities which require Mr. Neiswonger's vigilant supervision.
- 4. Mr. and Mrs. Neiswonger have continued their cooperation with the Government, although with respect to one case that cooperation became moot several months ago, and made significant monthly payments to the IRS and FTC until approximately one year ago when Mr. Neiswonger's income plummeted due to his need to stay home and care for Mrs. Neiswonger. Mr. Neiswonger remains gainfully employed.
- 5. Mr. Neiswonger's lead counsel, Solomon L. Wisenberg, needs additional time to investigate all of the sentencing factors contained in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3553(a) and 3661, particularly the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and

characteristics of Mr. Neiswonger so that he can prepare a Sentencing Memorandum and

otherwise effectively represent Mr. Neiswonger at the Sentencing Hearing pursuant to the

Sixth Amendment. Mr. Neiswonger's sentencing memorandum will require extensive

time to prepare in the best of circumstances and counsel requests additional time to

prepare the memorandum due to: the length of time that has elapsed since Mr.

Neiswonger's guilty plea; the possibility that the Government will still need Mr.

Neiswonger to testify at an upcoming trial; and counsel's need to prepare for a complex

upcoming four to six week trial set for early September. These reasons are also true with

respect to Case Number 2:12-CR-00281-JAD-CWH, which is related to the instant matter

and is currently set for sentencing on the same date. Mr. Wisenberg represents Mr. and

Mrs. Neiswonger in Case Number 2:12-CR-00281-JAD-CWH and will be filing a

Stipulation to Continue Sentencing in that case as well. Continuing the sentencing in both

cases will conserve judicial, prosecutorial, and defense resources.

6. Denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice. It would

deny defense counsel and the Government time and opportunity to effectively prepare for

sentencing in this case. For all the above stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be

served by a continuance of the sentencing date until January 15, 2018 or a date thereafter

convenient to the Court.

**DATED** this 15th day of June, 2017.

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### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based upon the pending Stipulation of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court finds that:

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

 Denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice. It would deny defense counsel and the Government time and opportunity to effectively prepare for sentencing in this case. 2. For all the above stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be served by a continuance of the sentencing date until January 15, 2018, or a date thereafter convenient to the Court.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 10, 2017, be vacated and continued to January 22, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2017.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Submitted by:

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